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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Evans House #2
other names/site number 60-223

2. Location

1/2 mile west of junction with VA Rt 657, on north
street & number side of VA Rt 685 N/A ☐ not for publication
city, town Prices Fork ☒ vicinity
state Virginia code VA county Montgomery code 121 zip code 24060

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- ☐ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property

- ☐ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>4</u> sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Prehistoric and
Historic Resources of Montgomery County

Number of contributing resources previously
listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this
☒ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the
National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.
In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official

Date

Virginia Department of Historic Resources
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- ☐ entered in the National Register.
☐ See continuation sheet.
☐ determined eligible for the National
Register. ☐ See continuation sheet.
☐ determined not eligible for the
National Register.
☐ removed from the National Register.
☐ other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: single dwelling

Domestic: secondary structure

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: single dwelling

Domestic: vacant/not in use

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: center-passage plan

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick

walls brick

roof metal:tin

other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Evans House #2 is located a short distance north of the old Pepper's Ferry Road (Prices Fork Road today) between Blacksburg and the rural village of Prices Fork. The six-course American-bond brick house faces south. It has an asymmetrical five-bay facade and the unusual feature of a second front door positioned at the second bay from the east end. The house has exterior brick end chimneys with stepped shoulders, a molded brick cornice, unsplayed soldier courses over two-over-two double-hung sash windows with late nineteenth-century sashes, four-panel doors with transoms, and splayed window reveals. The garret is lit by two square four-light casements in each gable and the gables feature early tapered rake boards. Early louvered blinds survive at second-floor windows. The large first-floor room has a large plain Greek Revival pilastered mantel. The passage contains an open-stringer two-flight stair with a landing, and there is a plain baseboard. An added late nineteenth-century six-bay one-story porch has an enclosed room in the western bay and is supported by turned posts and brackets. The two-story ell was added to the rear (north) in the late nineteenth century. It features a mid-ridge brick flue, segmentally arched two-over-two double-hung sash windows, and a partially enclosed one-story hip-roofed porch with turned posts on the ell's east side. The house is located in a slight bank so that the basement is only visible on the rear (north). A barred vent lights the basement at the east end of the north wall.

A one-story frame mid-nineteenth-century outbuilding, probably a washhouse with brick chimney, rock foundation, and vertical board siding is in near ruins to the immediate west of the house.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally

Applicable National Register Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

circa 1860

Significant Dates

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The property is significant under criterion C as an unusual example of the very popular single-pile center-passage house form, in that it is asymmetrical, belying the attempt at classical symmetry so often attributed to the builders of the form. It is the only off-center example among twenty-eight center-passage houses from the period of significance, and one of eight such dwellings built of brick in the county. Over 450 two-story center-passage houses were identified in the Montgomery County Reconnaissance Survey of 1986. The Evans House #2 is also unusual as a five-bay house, since by the antebellum period most houses of this type featured three-bay facades and none featured a second front door. The additions and minor alterations the house has undergone have not altered the integrity of the significant form and decorative elements.

The Evans House #2 was built on a tract of 220 acres given by Adam Wall to his daughter Ellen, wife of George R. Evans, in 1858 (Deed Book Q, p. 302). The census of 1850 shows that Adam Wall was sixty years old at that time. The next entry is for George R. Evans, thirty-five and Ellen, his wife, twenty-one. Evans already possessed sixty-two acres on nearby Stroubles Creek near the Adam Wall Farm (60-233, also being listed as part of this nomination), but he and his wife must have lived on Wall's lands since there were no buildings on that tract. Architectural evidence suggests that the house was built at or around the time the Evanses acquired the 220-acre tract.

By 1871 George R. Evans owned 220 acres containing buildings valued at \$1,000.00 (the earlier decade's tax records were not complete). The 1880 census shows George R., sixty-eight, Ellen, fifty-seven, and four children. James F. Evans, born in circa 1859, was executor of his father's estate (Book F, p. 463). James F. Evans died intestate in 1910 and his property and house

☒ See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Montgomery County Deed, Land, Will and Fiduciary Books.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

☐ See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State historic preservation office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Specify repository:

Virginia Department of Historic Resources
221 Governor Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 2 2/10 acres.

UTM References

A 11 7 5 4 6 2 8 0 4 1 1 8 4 5 0
Zone Easting Northing

C

B
Zone Easting Northing

D

☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at point A on the north side of VA Route 685, one-half mile west of the junction with VA Route 657, proceeding north 440 feet along a lot line to point B, thence east 175 feet along a lot line to point C, thence south 440 feet along a lot line to point D, thence west 175 feet along the north side of VA Route 685 to the point of origin.

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Boundary Justification

The boundaries were chosen to include the house, outbuildings, and domestic space as defined by lot lines.

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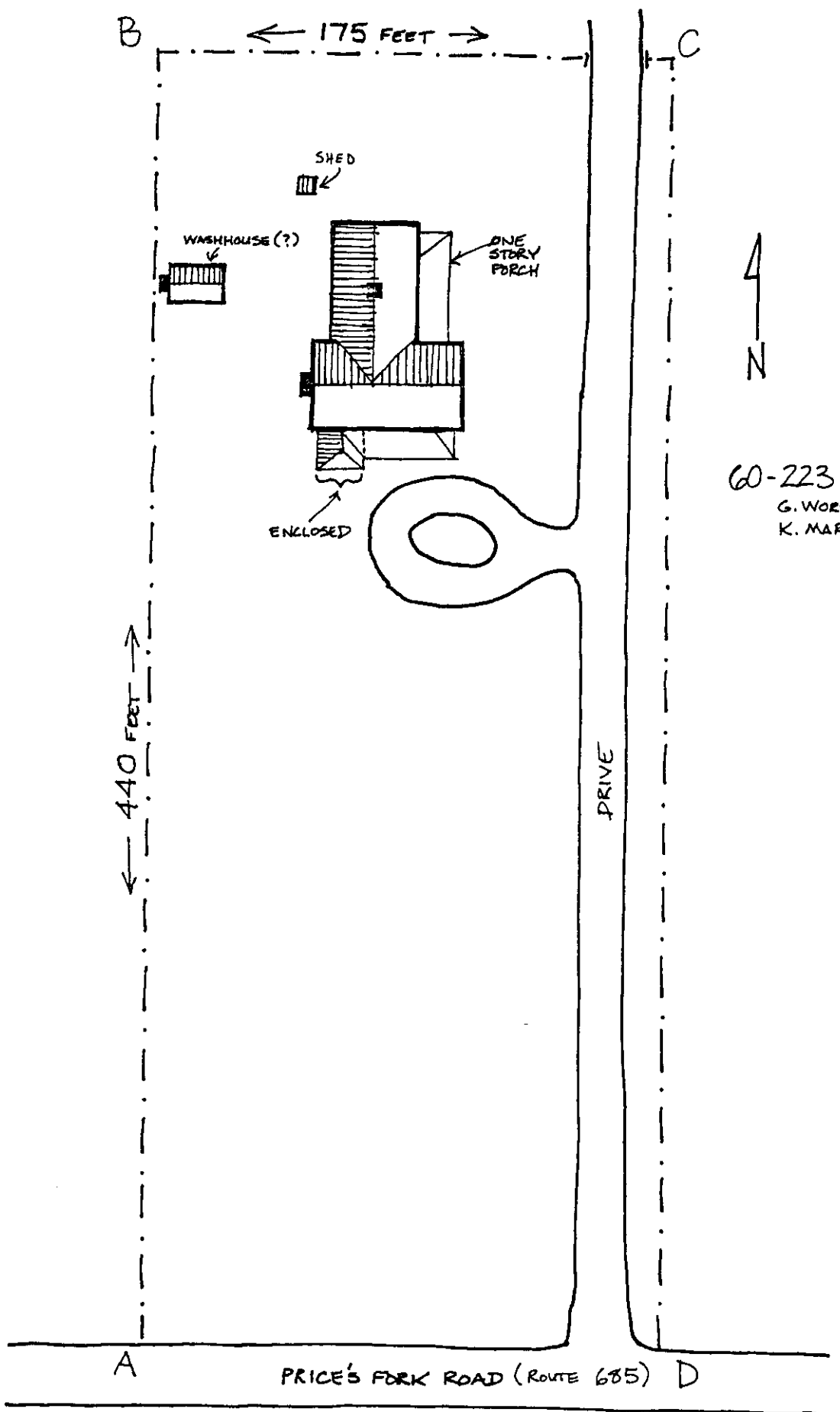
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were occupied by his wife and their children, Ora Ellen and James Floyd Evans. The children sold the house and land as part of a 2 2/10-acre tract in 1957, retaining life occupancy of the lower floor. Ora Ellen Evans still occupies the house, although it has changed hands twice since that time.



60-223 EVANS HOUSE #2
G. WORSHAM 04/88
K. MARTIN

WALNUT SPRING
17 545260 4120080

JOSEPH
MCDONALD FARM
17 546660 4119920

EVANS HOUSE #2
17 546290 4118490

PRICE'S FORK HISTORIC DISTRICT

17 544900 4118010
17 545235 4118148 4118
17 545300 4117915
17 544920 4117415 12'30"

ADAM WALL HOUSE
17 547180 4117900

LINKOUS-KIPPS HOUSE
17 548002 4117835

WHITETHORN
17 548685 4117940

4858 11 NE
(RADFORD NORTH)

